

Application No. 10/747,671
Response to Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2006
Atty. Dkt. No. C261 1050.1 (51081.0005.4)

Restriction Requirement

The Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2006 restricted the claims to two groups:

1. Group I (claims 1-14, drawn to a method for inhibiting osteoclast formation in a subject in need thereof comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the general formula, Class 514, subclass 557.
2. Group II (claims 15-28), drawn to a method for treating osteoclasts in a subject in need thereof comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound, class 514, subclass 557.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-14, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 15-28 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more divisional applications. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by these changes. Claim 1 is generic to all claims.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants were required to elect a single species for prosecution, with other species to be examined once the patentability of the elected species was confirmed. Applicants elect L-Aspartic acid, N-Sulfonic acid, as disclosed in Claim 12.

Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time, to and including June 28, 2006. The Director is authorized to charge the required fee for the extension of time and any other fee which may be required, and credit any overpayment, to Womble Carlyle's Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

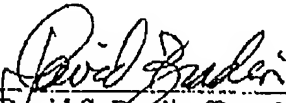
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Conclusion

It is believed that the claims are currently in condition for examination on the merits, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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